

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 29-31 and 33-39 have been amended. Claims 1-28 and 32 have been canceled. New claims 40-54 have been added.

In the parent application, the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002 contained a Restriction Requirement between a first group of claims (Group I, claims 1-28) and a second group of claims (Group II, claims 29-39). In Applicant's response of September 11, 2002, Applicant provisionally elected Group I.

The new claims presented herein are fully supported by the original specification, e.g., at paragraphs [012] through [015], and do not add new matter.

Amendment to the Specification

Paragraph [013] has been amended to recite an additional range of thickness for the layer of carbon deposit inhibiting material. The amended paragraph [013] thereby merely conforms the description to originally presented claims 12, 13, 26, 27, 34, and 35. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.


CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the claims presented herein are in condition for allowance.

In the event that the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this amendment, please contact the attorney at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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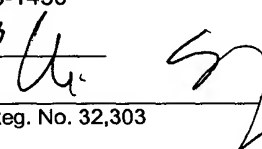

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